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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KOZO TAKATSU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SINGH, PREM C.  
SERIAL NO: 10/540,881 :  
FILED: JANUARY 18, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1797  
FOR: METHOD FOR REMOVING :  
SULFUR COMPOUND IN  
HYDROCARBON-CONTAINING GAS

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1797"

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Support for the Amendments** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.